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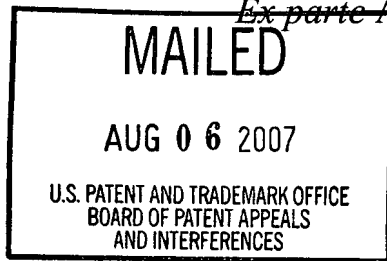
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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*Ex parte* AMITABH JAIN and LANCE S. ROBERTSON

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Technology Center 2800

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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This Image File Wrapper (IFW) application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 26, 2007. A review has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

*APPEAL BRIEF*

Appellants filed an Appeal Brief which was received by the USPTO on April 13, 2006. The content provided under the section "**SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER**" is not commensurate in scope with 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v) in that it does not proffer a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal. *The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP)* § 1205.03 states:

When the Office holds the brief to be defective solely due to appellant's failure to provide a summary of the claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v), an entire new brief need not, and should not, be filed. Rather, a paper providing a summary of the

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claimed subject matter as required by 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v) will suffice. Failure to timely respond to the Office's requirement will result in dismissal of the appeal. See MPEP § 1215.04 and § 711.02(b).

Appropriate correction is required.

Accordingly, it is *ORDERED* that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) to hold the Appeal Brief filed on April 13, 2006, defective;
- 2) to notify Appellants to file a paper providing a Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter as required by 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v);
- 3) to consider the paper providing a Summary of the Claimed Subject Matter as required by 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v) and;
- 4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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